

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 713 by Representative Champagne

LEVEES/BDS & DISTRICTS: Creates the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane Protection, and Conservation District

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

- 1. Adds a provision to provide that no tax election shall be called without the prior approval of the governing authority of Iberia Parish.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides for the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District, which shall encompass all of the lands in the parish of Iberia except those lands located within the Atchafalaya Levee Basin District.

Proposed law requires that the governor appoint a board of commissioners, subject to Senate confirmation, consisting of nine members who reside in the portion of Iberia Parish located within the district.

Proposed law requires that three members be appointed from the Iberia Parish Council, one member from the Iberia Parish Port Commission, one member from the Twin Parishes Port Commission, and one member to be appointed from each municipality within Iberia Parish, which includes the city of Jeanerette, the city of New Iberia, the town of Delcambre, and the village of Loreauville.

Proposed law provides for vacancies to be filled in the same manner as the original appointments provided in proposed law.

Proposed law requires commissioners to determine by lot their terms of office at the first meeting, which shall commence immediately upon appointment and expire respectively as follows: three members in two years, three members in three years, and three members in four years.

Proposed law provides that all commissioners appointed after the initial appointments, shall be appointed in accordance with proposed law for staggered terms of four years, which shall expire on July 1 of the fourth year, or until the successor is appointed to take office. Further provides that no member shall serve more than three consecutive four-year terms.

Proposed law provides that if a commissioner is appointed to fill more than one-half of an unexpired term, that person shall be eligible to serve no more than two additional consecutive terms.

Proposed law requires the board to establish the official domicile of the board.

Proposed law authorizes taxing authority, provided that any tax election receive prior approval of the governing authority for Iberia Parish.

(Adds R.S. 38:291(AA))